

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. Claim 1 (Original): A method of operating a computer system, said method comprising:  
providing a program in memory, the program including at least one program unit, each  
program unit comprising an Application Programming Interface (API) definition file and  
an implementation, each API definition file defining items in its associated program unit  
that are made accessible to one or more other program units, each implementation  
including executable code corresponding to said API definition file, said executable  
code including type specific instructions and data; and  
performing a first verification including verifying said program prior to an installation of said  
program, said first verification including  
indicating a verification error when a first program unit implementation is not internally  
consistent;  
indicating a verification error when said first program unit implementation is inconsistent  
with a first program unit API definition file associated with said first program unit  
implementation; and  
generating a program fault signal when a verification error is indicated.

Claims 2-27 (canceled)